

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 566

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lowell Smith of
Cookeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lowell Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a highly accomplished athlete and exemplary public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a center and linebacker for the Tennessee Technological University's football team, Lowell Smith brought great honor to the State with four consecutive Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) championships between 1958 and 1961; and

WHEREAS, his efforts and victories in football led to his winning the Robert Hill Johnson Award and to his induction into the seventh class of the Tennessee Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1981; Mr. Smith was also named as a member of the 1960s All-Decade team when the OVC celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1998; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Tennessee Tech in 1962, Mr. Smith served with honor and valor in Korea as a second lieutenant for the U.S. Army. He later moved to Burlington, North Carolina, where he worked as a personnel director for Burlington Industries before returning to Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, shortly after his return to the Volunteer State, Mr. Smith purchased Putnam Farm and Home Equipment, which he owned and operated until entering a well-earned and fulfilling retirement; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Smith volunteered his time and talent to many organizations, including the Jaycees, the Putnam County Library Board, the Lions Club, and the Golden Eagle program at Tennessee Tech, and he served two terms on the Cookeville City Council; and

WHEREAS, he received recognition for his remarkable contributions to the community with the Louis Johnson Alumnus Award by the Tennessee Tech School of Business; and

WHEREAS, he was also an active member of First Baptist Church, where he served faithfully as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith will be greatly missed by his family and his friends, and his memory will continue to be cherished by the Tennessee Tech and Cookeville communities at large; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lowell Smith, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lowell Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.